

Appln. No. 10/016,038
Response dated December 2, 2003
Response to Office Action dated November 4, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

The November 4, 2003 Office Action and the Examiner's comments have been carefully considered. In response, a species has been elected, and remarks are set forth below to continue the prosecution/examination of this application.

ELECTION

Responsive to the Species Election set forth on pages 2-3 of the Office Action, Applicants hereby elect Embodiment 4, Figs. 10, 11, 12A, 12B and 12C without traverse. The claims which are readable on Embodiment 4 are claims 1-12.

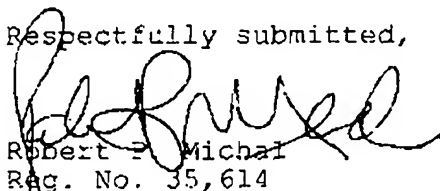
Upon allowance of a generic claim, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider all claims which depend therefrom or which otherwise include the limitations thereof.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the Office Action dated November 4, 2003. It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth hereinabove.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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